

Commission issued the NDEA on December 19, 1996, comments are due by January 21, 1997.

In a letter dated January 2, 1997, Friends of the River, American Whitewater Affiliation, California Outdoors, and Foothill Conservancy (Intervenors) requested an extension of time to comment on the DEA until March 19, 1997. Intervenors state that they received copies of the DEA between December 31, 1996 and January 2, 1997, providing just over two weeks to file comments.

Further, Intervenors state that additional time is needed to review the DEA because: (1) many complex issues were raised in its comments on the Notice Ready for Environmental Analysis; (2) the proceeding began 24 years ago and the pertinent record is voluminous; and (3) recent developments regarding the operations of other facilities on the Mokelumne River, which may not be fully considered in the DEA, but which need to be integrated into the cumulative impact analysis.

Because the pertinent record is voluminous, and because the DEA wasn't received until the end of December 1996 or the beginning of January 1997, the date to file comments is extended until February 21, 1997. If you have any questions about this matter, please call Tom Dean at (202) 219-2778.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-174-000]

PanEnergy Field Services, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

January 8, 1997.

Take notice that on December 30, 1996, PanEnergy Field Services, Inc. (Field Services),¹ 370 Seventeenth Street, Suite 900, Denver, Colorado 80202, filed in Docket No. CP97-174-000 a petition pursuant to Section 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.207(a)(2)), for the declaratory order disclaiming Commission jurisdiction over certain facilities located upstream of its LaGloria Processing Plant in Hildago, Brooks, and Jim Wells Counties, Texas (South Texas Facilities)

¹ Field Services is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PanEnergy Corp. and owns gathering and processing assets in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

to be acquired from Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline),² an affiliate, and the services provided through them, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Field Services seeks a declaratory order from the Commission finding that:

(1) Upon transfer from Trunkline to Field Services, the South Texas Facilities described in Section VI and Attachment B to its petition, are facilities used for the gathering of natural gas and therefore exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(b) of the NGA;

(2) Field Services would not be a "natural-gas company" pursuant to Section 2(6) of the NGA by virtue of its proposed acquisition, ownership, and operation of the facilities;

(3) The gathering services that Field Services seeks to perform as described in Section VI and Attachment B to its petition would be exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the NGA; and

(4) Field Services' rates and charges for gathering services would not be subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 of the NGA.

Field Services states that upon transfer of the facilities from Trunkline to Field Services, Field Services would provide gathering services on an open access, non-discriminatory basis and would not become an "affiliated marketer" as defined by the Commission in its rules. Field Services also states that the South Texas Facilities would be transferred at their net book value.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before January 29, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 384.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a

² Trunkline has filed a related abandonment application in Docket No. CP97-173-000.

motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

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Acting Secretary.

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Sea Robin Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 8, 1997.

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Sea Robin Pipeline Company (Sea Robin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the pro forma revised tariff sheets set forth on Appendix A to the filing in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 587 to become effective June 1, 1997.

On July 17, 1996, the Commission issued Order No. 587 in Docket No. RM96-1-000 which revised the Commission's regulations governing interstate natural gas pipelines to require such pipelines to follow certain standardized business practices issued by the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) and adopted by the Commission in said Order (18 CFR 284.10(b)). The standards govern certain aspects of the following practices of natural gas pipelines: nominations, allocations, balancing, measurement, invoicing, and capacity release. The revisions shown on the Tariff Sheets filed herewith reflect Sea Robin's compliance filing to conform with the GISB standards. The order required Sea Robin to submit its compliance filing for implementation of the approved standards by June 1, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR Sections 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests must be filed on or before January 24, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public